

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the Amendment made herein prior to examination is requested. The Abstract is shortened in order to comply with the one paragraph, 150 word limit for Abstracts. Claims 2-9 and 11-23 are amended. Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. No new matter is added. Reexamination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

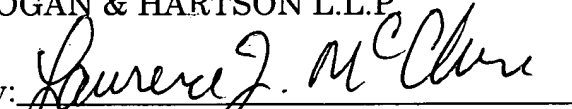
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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